

CRIME SUPPRESSION SECTION

HIGH TECHNOLOGY THEFT APPREHENSION AND PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Program Description

The High Technology Theft Apprehension and Prosecution Program (HTTAPP) funds five regional Identity Theft Units and five High Technology Regional Crimes Task Forces.

Each regional identity theft unit is comprised of local law enforcement and prosecutors from at least two counties and includes at least one state law enforcement agency investigator. Units work in conjunction with the California regional High Technology Crimes Task Forces to combat high technology and identity theft violations pursuant to California Penal Code sections 211, 350, 351a, 459, 496, 537e, 593d, and 593e. Identity theft units investigate and prosecute identity theft crimes by both the identification of crime patterns and the gathering and analyzing of information that will be used to determine key individuals involved in organized identity theft operations in the various counties served by the regional identity theft unit.

Eligibility

The following six law enforcement agencies are eligible to receive grant funding: Marin County District Attorney; Santa Clara County District Attorney; San Diego County District Attorney; Sacramento County Sheriff's Department; and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. In addition, the Department of Justice and the California District Attorneys Association are eligible to receive HTTAPP grant funding.

Authorized By

California Penal Code section 13848 – 13848.8

Fund Source and Amount

State General Fund transferred to the High Technology Theft Apprehension and Prosecution Program Trust Fund in the aggregate amount of \$11,970,000.

Grant Award Period

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date

Non competitive - FY 2009/10

Additional Program Information

Both the regional identity theft units and the regional task forces are directed by the High Technology Crime Advisory Committee (HTCAC). Committee members are designees from law enforcement and the private high technology industry. The HTCAC meets quarterly to review and discuss the effectiveness of California's efforts toward deterring, investigating and prosecuting high technology crimes. Once a year, the committee provides its findings in an annual report to the Legislature and the Governor. Pursuant to Penal Code section 13848.6, the HTCAC is required to formulate a comprehensive written strategy that addresses priorities involving the most high technology crime in California. Regional HTTAPP Task Forces implement the strategy, which utilizes law enforcement procedures and digital evidence to investigate, apprehend and prosecute criminal organizations, networks and individuals engaged in the unlawful access, destruction, counterfeit and theft of data. Specified violations of the California Penal Code apply.

Where Do I Get More Information?

This program is administered by the Crime Suppression Section of the Crime and Gangs Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 327-5664.